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TO : Chief, ICAPS

DATE: 7 January 1947

FROM : Assistant Director, C & D

SUBJECT: Comments on SWNCC 304/1 (NIA No. 7)

Ref: ICAPS' memorandum of 19 December, above subject

1. Pursuant to reference memorandum, the following comments are submitted on those provisions of SWNCC 304/1 which appear to affect OCD:

a. Paragraph 3 on page 6 (Appendix A) provides that two officials of CIG will serve as members of the Subcommittee on Psychological Warfare. Paragraph 4 e on page 4 and paragraph 4 on page 7 indicate that the duty will be full time. These provisions raise the question of which offices in CIG should furnish the members for the committee. OCD's principal interest in the committee will be to know at all times what requirements it may have for intelligence material which can be furnished by CIG action. To ascertain such requirements, OCD would, as a matter of normal routine prescribed by its charter of functions, maintain the same type of requirements liaison which it is responsible to maintain with all other appropriate government agencies. It would not be necessary for OCD to have membership in the committee for that purpose. Actual membership would appear more properly to be of interest to OSO (for functions described in paragraph 7 e of page 16), and to ORE (for those phases of planning which require expert knowledge of foreign countries).

b. Paragraph 8 c on page 8 provides that the committee will utilize the services of CIG to secure necessary intelligence in the preparation of plans, studies and reports. This will only require OCD to maintain the normal requirements liaison already outlined in a, above, and take steps to have intelligence material furnished to the committee in the normal manner.

c. Paragraph 12 on pages 19 and 20 indicates that one purpose for CIG membership in the committee is to assure that the committee may be supplied with evaluated intelligence concerning nations and nationals. As pointed out in a, above, membership in the committee is not necessary for that purpose: OCD can arrange for satisfaction of the committee's requirements by routine operation in accordance with established procedure. However, there are other good reasons for having two CIG members on the committee, and therefore it is believed CIG need not comment on paragraph 12.

d. Paragraph 13 f on page 22 provides that an objective of the committee is development of intelligence procedure to insure that intelligence research at home and overseas is made available in time and in sufficient quantity so that sound psychological warfare plans and operational decisions can be made. In this respect, CIG is already developing procedures to provide adequate intelligence service to all appropriate government agencies, and the Psychological Warfare Committee would be no exception. Relations with the committee for that purpose would be a routine function of the Requirements Branch of OCD.

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2. Since the provisions of this document which are of primary concern to OCD appear to fit as routine into our established procedures, OCD concurs in the paper as written and recommends no change.

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